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C O N F I D E N T I A L MONTEVIDEO 2184

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PGOV, PINT, UY  
SUBJECT: FONMIN ROVIRA'S REPLACEMENT IMMINENT

REFS: (A) MONTEVIDEO 2001 (B) MONTEVIDEO 2170

1. FOREIGN MINISTER ROVIRA REPORTEDLY RESIGNED AFTERNOON  
JULY 5. OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT CONFIRMING THIS EXPECTED  
SHORTLY.

2. ROVIRA'S REPLACEMENT WILL REPORTEDLY BE DR. ADOLFO  
FOLLE MARTINEZ, A SENIOR CAREER OFFICER RECENTLY NAMED  
AMBASSADOR TO ITALY WHO HAD NOT YET DEPARTED TO ASSUME  
THIS POST. SEE REF B FOR BIO REPORTING ON FOLLE MARTINEZ.

3. COMMENT: TOP-LEVEL MILITARY SOURCES TOLD US SOME  
WEEKS AGO THAT IF THINGS WENT WELL FOR MODERATES AT VIII  
OASGA ROVIRA WOULD BE REPLACED SHORTLY AFTER HIS RETURN  
FROM WASHINGTON. AS REPORTED REF A., THE ARMED FORCES  
POLITICAL COMMISSION NOT ONLY REJECTED ROVIRA'S  
RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A HARDLINE CONFRONTATIONAL POLICY  
AT THE OASGA, AND INSTRUCTED HIM TO FOLLOW A MORE MODERATE  
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LINE, BUT ALSO SENT ALONG THEIR OWN MILITARY WATCHDOG TO  
ASSURE THAT HE DID. IN ADDITION, IMMEDIATELY PRIOR TO ROVIRA'S  
DEPARTURE FOR THE OASGA, HE OBTAINED THE PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE  
ON A DECREE SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE POWERS OF THE PRINCIPAL  
MILITARY OFFICER WITHIN THE MINISTRY, THE DIRECTOR GENERAL,  
WITHOUT ANY CONSULTATION WITH THE ARMED FORCES. FACED WITH  
SUCH AMPLE EVIDENCE THAT ROVIRA DID NOT SHARE THEIR VIEWS AND

WAS, IN FACT, OPENLY DEFYING THE MILITARY AS WELL, THE MODERATE  
MILITARY GROUP LED BY ARMY CINC ALVAREZ WAS ABLE TO FORCE  
THROUGH RAPIDLY A DECISION TO REMOVE HIM.  
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